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COFFEE CROP REDUCED BY POOR WEATHER

Unfavorable weather has caused reductions for the 1973-74 coffee crop in both Africa and South America. Drought was the problem for Ivory Coast, Kenya, and Ethiopia, while frost damage in July 1972 pulled production down in Brazil. Total world production is now estimated at 64.3 million bags (132,276 pounds each), with an exportable production of 44.7 million bags. Exportable production, as considered in this report, represents total harvested production less domestic consumption in producing countries.

The 1973-74 production estimate is 12.2 million bags below the 1972-73 crop production. This is a decline of 16 percent. Exportable production will be about 22 percent lower than the revised 1972-73 estimate of 57.2 million bags. Stocks will be drawn down by about 10 million bags during 1973-74, but

part of this will be in importing rather than producing countries.

Brazil's 1973-74 crop is down substantially, as the State of Parana was particularly hard hit by frost damage. Leaf rust, which has become increasingly prevalent, is also beginning to have some debilitating effects. Production in El Salvador is estimated at 1.8 million bags, compared with 2.1 million in 1972-73 as there were poor weather conditions at blossom time, especially at the lower altitudes. Colombia, however, is likely to have an alltime record production in 1973-74. The drought in 1973 in Africa hit several major producing areas during the growing season, thereby reducing crops for several countries. Areas affected include both Arabica and Robusta types.

COFFEE, GREEN TOTAL PRODUCTION IN SPECIFIED COUNTRIES - AVERAGE 1964-65/1968-69; ANNUAL 1969-70/1973-74 1/
IN THOUSANDS OF BAGS 2/

REGION AND COUNTRY	AVERAGE 1964-65/1968-69	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72	1972-73	1973-74
NORTH AMERICA						
COSTA RICA.....	1,135	1,400	1,250	1,350	1,335	1,435
CUBA.....	492	500	475	475	425	500
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.....	594	640	700	715	750	715
EL SALVADOR.....	2,028	2,500	2,170	2,600	2,100	1,800
GUADELOUPE.....	6	1	1	1	1	1
GUATEMALA.....	1,788	1,750	1,840	2,100	2,250	2,280
HAITI.....	514	465	550	575	525	550
HONDURAS.....	436	550	570	700	850	715
JAMAICA AND DEP.....	21	20	20	24	22	20
MARTINIQUE.....	4	1	1	1	1	1
MEXICO.....	2,810	3,075	3,200	3,400	3,700	3,400
NICARAGUA.....	522	565	650	700	570	650
PANAMA.....	78	83	75	88	82	88
TRINIDAD-TOBAGO.....	61	43	69	49	50	40
US-HAWAII.....	46	28	31	21	22	16
US-PUERTO RICO.....	267	170	240	150	200	190
TOTAL.....	10,801	11,791	11,842	12,949	12,883	12,401
SOUTH AMERICA						
BOLIVIA.....	100	165	85	85	85	85
BRAZIL.....	21,440	19,000	9,750	23,600	24,000	14,500
COLOMBIA.....	7,860	8,450	7,800	7,200	8,800	9,500
ECUADOR 3/.....	968	660	1,300	1,100	1,100	1,200
GUYANA.....	17	18	11	10	12	10
PARAGUAY.....	54	50	33	58	50	40
PERU.....	866	940	990	1,030	1,030	1,000
SURINAM.....	8	6	3	3	3	3
VENEZUELA.....	783	900	900	950	1,100	1,150
TOTAL.....	32,097	30,189	20,872	34,036	36,180	27,488
AFRICA						
ANGOLA.....	3,140	3,300	3,300	3,400	3,750	3,500
BURUNDI.....	246	240	350	400	355	350
CAMEROON.....	1,054	1,200	1,150	1,250	1,440	1,300
CAPE VERDE ISLANDS.....	2	2	1	1	1	1
CENT AFRICAN REP.....	159	200	160	175	180	190
COMORO ISLANDS.....	3	3	3	2	2	2
CONGO, BRAZZAVILLE.....	15	15	15	14	14	12
DAHOMEY.....	22	15	15	15	15	13
EQUATORIAL GUINEA.....	131	120	120	115	115	105
ETHIOPIA.....	1,744	2,000	2,100	2,150	2,300	1,900
GABON.....	17	20	15	10	15	13
GHANA.....	73	95	75	80	80	85
GUINEA.....	156	200	150	100	125	115
IVORY COAST.....	3,605	4,600	4,000	4,475	5,050	3,000
KENYA.....	784	900	1,000	1,000	1,265	1,045
LIBERIA.....	61	75	65	70	85	95
MALAGASY REPUBLIC.....	948	830	1,300	965	1,000	1,000
NIGERIA.....	40	50	90	70	70	70
RWANDA.....	179	145	260	250	225	240
SAO TOME-PRINCIPE.....	6	4	3	2	2	2
SIERRA LEONE.....	92	90	125	95	135	150
TANZANIA.....	788	775	950	850	800	800
TOGO.....	194	220	200	200	200	180
UGANDA.....	2,707	3,350	3,000	2,850	2,850	2,900
ZAIRE (CONGO-K).....	965	1,100	1,350	1,300	1,380	1,320
TOTAL.....	17,131	19,549	19,817	19,839	21,454	18,388
ASIA						
INDIA.....	1,199	1,150	1,900	1,200	1,580	1,585
INDONESIA.....	2,000	2,200	2,350	2,250	2,700	2,750
MALAYSIA.....	131	63	60	63	65	67
PHLIPPINES.....	725	815	840	835	850	865
PORTUGUESE TIMOR.....	45	50	50	65	65	60
Vietnam South.....	55	50	50	50	55	50
YEMEN.....	70	6n	60	60	60	60
TOTAL.....	4,225	4,388	5,310	4,523	5,375	5,437
OCEANIA						
NEW CALEDONIA.....	34	34	18	25	25	25
NEW GUINEA.....	203	408	460	480	525	542
NEW HEBRIDES.....	4	3	2	2	2	2
TOTAL.....	241	445	480	507	552	569
WORLD TOTAL.....	64,494	66,352	58,321	71,854	76,444	64,283

1/ Coffee marketing year begins about July in some countries and in others about October. 2/ Of 60 kilograms each. 3/ As indicated in footnote 1, the coffee marketing year begins in some countries as early as July. Ecuador is one of these countries. Hence, the crop harvested principally during June-October 1971 in that country is shown as production for the 1971-72 marketing year. In Ecuador, however, this is referred to as the 1970-71 crop.

Note: Production estimates for some countries include cross-border movements.

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COFFEE, GREEN EXPORTABLE PRODUCTION IN SPECIFIED COUNTRIES - AVERAGE 1964-65/1968-69, ANNUAL 1969-70/1973-74 ^{1/}
IN THOUSANDS OF BAGS ^{2/}

REGION AND COUNTRY	AVERAGE 1964-65/1968-69	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72	1972-73	1973-74
NORTH AMERICA:						
COSTA RICA.....	1,000	1,250	1,095	1,190	1,160	1,240
CUBA.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.....	429	450	505	490	490	430
EL SALVADOR.....	1,893	2,350	2,015	2,440	1,935	1,630
GUADELOUPE.....	1	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/
GUATEMALA.....	1,567	1,510	1,590	1,845	1,990	2,015
HAITI.....	339	260	350	370	325	345
HONDURAS.....	347	445	460	575	720	580
JAMAICA AND DEP.....	8	5	1	2	---	---
MARTINIQUE.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
MEXICO.....	1,520	1,575	1,680	1,835	2,100	1,800
NICARAGUA.....	468	495	570	615	480	555
PANAMA.....	19	18	9	23	20	21
TRINIDAD-TOBAGO.....	49	33	53	27	40	30
US-HAWAII.....	15	---	---	---	---	---
US-PUERTO RICO.....	10	---	---	---	---	---
TOTAL.....	7,664	8,391	8,328	9,412	9,260	8,646
SOUTH AMERICA:						
BOLIVIA.....	38	55	65	65	65	65
BRAZIL.....	13,589	10,250	1,500	14,850	15,000	5,500
COLOMBIA.....	6,624	7,080	6,390	5,550	7,430	8,060
ECUADOR ^{4/}	773	450	1,080	875	860	960
GUYANA.....	2	2	---	---	---	---
PARAGUAY.....	41	25	13	43	35	25
PERU.....	664	720	760	800	800	780
SURINAM.....	3	3	1	1	1	1
VENEZUELA.....	231	285	265	300	430	450
TOTAL.....	21,965	18,870	10,074	22,684	24,621	15,841
AFRICA:						
ANGOLA.....	3,081	3,200	3,200	3,300	3,650	3,440
BURUNDI.....	241	235	345	395	350	345
CAMEROON.....	1,024	1,170	1,125	1,220	1,410	1,270
CAPE VERDE ISLANDS.....	2	1	---	---	---	---
CENT AFRICAN REP.....	154	195	150	165	170	180
COMORO ISLANDS.....	1	1	1	1	1	1
CONGO BRAZZAVILLE.....	18	14	14	13	13	11
DAHOMEY.....	18	13	14	16	14	12
EQUATORIAL GUINEA.....	121	110	115	110	110	100
ETHIOPIA.....	1,331	1,375	1,450	1,490	1,630	1,220
GABON.....	17	18	14	9	14	12
GHANA.....	60	81	62	67	67	70
GUINEA.....	143	190	145	95	120	110
IVORY COAST.....	3,553	4,535	3,950	4,400	4,985	2,935
KENYA.....	764	880	988	973	1,240	1,020
LIBERIA.....	59	70	80	65	80	90
MALAGASY REPUBLIC.....	842	710	1,175	835	865	860
NIGERIA.....	42	30	65	55	55	55
RWANDA.....	172	135	255	245	220	235
SAO TOME-PRINCIPE.....	5	2	1	1	1	1
SIERRA LEONE.....	82	85	120	90	130	145
TANZANIA.....	773	766	930	830	780	780
TOGO.....	189	217	197	197	197	177
UGANDA.....	2,693	3,335	2,985	2,830	2,930	2,880
ZAIRE (CONGO-K.).....	915	1,025	1,150	1,200	1,265	1,200
TOTAL.....	16,298	18,387	18,531	18,600	20,197	17,109
ASIA:						
INDIA.....	507	410	1,150	435	820	800
INDONESIA.....	1,588	1,500	1,450	1,320	1,650	1,625
MALAYSIA.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
PHILIPPINES.....	---	---	22	---	---	---
PORTUGUESE TIMOR.....	40	45	40	60	60	55
VIETNAM SOUTH.....	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/
YEMEN.....	61	50	50	50	50	50
TOTAL.....	2,196	2,005	2,712	1,865	2,580	2,530
OCEANIA:						
NEW CALEDONIA.....	28	19	8	15	15	15
NEW GUINEA.....	185	404	456	474	519	535
NEW HEBRIDES.....	4	2	1	1	1	1
TOTAL.....	217	425	465	490	535	551
WORLD TOTAL.....	48,340	48,078	40,110	53,051	57,193	44,677

^{1/} Coffee marketing year begins about July in some countries and in others about October. Exportable production represents total harvested production minus estimated domestic consumption. ^{2/} Or 60 kilograms each. ^{3/} Negligible. ^{4/} As indicated in footnote 1, the coffee marketing year begins in some countries as early as July. Ecuador is one of these countries. Hence, the crop harvested principally during June-October 1971 in that country is shown as production for the 1971-72 marketing year. In Ecuador, however, this is referred to as the 1970-71 crop.

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MAJOR EXPANSION IN 1973 U.S. and WORLD SOYBEAN PRODUCTION

World soybean production in 1973 is now estimated at 57.8 million metric tons (2.1 billion bushels). The 1973 record increase in soybean production of 22 percent or 10.3 million tons (379 million bushels) is nearly six times the annual 1960-72 trendline increase in world soybean output of 1.8 million tons (66 million bushels). World soybean acreage rose by 12.9 million acres in 1973 and totaled 93.3 million acres, reflecting the major expansion of 10.7 million acres in the United States and the gain of 1.7 million acres in Brazil.

The United States accounted for 78 percent of the huge net increase in 1973 world soybean output and Brazil for 11 percent. Last year harvests in the People's Republic of China and the Soviet Union recovered from the reduced volumes of 1972. In addition, several other countries, including Argentina, Mexico, Romania, Paraguay, Colombia, and Thailand continued to expand soybean acreage and production.

Current prospects for U.S. soybean production in 1974 indicate a small decline based on the March 1st planting intentions survey. However, the latest forecast increases in March-June harvested 1974 soybean crops in the Southern Hemisphere, particularly in Brazil, Argentina, and Australia, more than offset the prospective decline in U.S. production. Countries in the Northern Hemisphere, such as Mexico, Japan, South Korea, Spain, Romania, Yugoslavia, Colombia, and Thailand, are also expected to devote larger acreages to soybeans. In addition, the European Community is currently considering plans for supporting soybean cultivation in 1974 by its members countries.

The 1973 soybean crop in the United States is officially estimated at 42.6 million metric tons (1,567 million bushels), 23 percent above the 1972 volume and 33 percent above the 1971 tonnage. U.S. soybean yields in 1973 averaged 27.8 bushels per acre, unchanged from the record high of the previous year. Harvested area reached 56.4 million acres, up 10.7 million acres or 23 percent from 1972.

The March 14 prospective plantings report indicated that as of March 1, U.S. farmers intend to plant 55 million acres to soybean in 1974, 2.3 million acres or 4 percent less than 1973 plantings. Assuming normal abandonment, harvested area would total 54 million acres, and based on a projected yield of 28.5 bushels per acre, U.S. soybean production in 1974 would total 41.9 million metric tons (1,540 million bushels).

Brazil's 1973 soybean crop is estimated at 4.8 million tons, 1.1 million tons or 31 percent above the 1972 outturn. Acreage harvested for soybeans, at 7.5 million acres, rose by 30 percent or 1.8 million acres, and equaled the average annual rate of expansion during the 1967-72 period. Brazil's 1974 soybean crop forecast is now 6.5 million tons, although indications from various trade sources range as high as 7 million tons. Harvested area in 1974 is expected to show a gain of almost 2.9 million acres or 38 percent and total 10.4 million acres.

Argentina's 1973 soybean harvest increased sharply, totaling 272,000 tons against 78,000 tons in 1972 and only 59,000 tons in 1971. Plantings for the 1974 crop were officially reported at 865,000 acres, more than double the previous year's total. Production is forecast at 625,000 metric tons. In Paraguay, 1973 soybean output rose 32 percent to 128,000 tons and a similar increment is expected this year.

The official estimate of the 1973 soybean harvest in the Soviet Union is 423,000 tons, compared with 260,000 tons in 1972 and 535,000 tons in 1971. Harvested area in 1973 was placed at 2.1 million acres, or about unchanged from recent years.

In the People's Republic of China, based on very limited indications of improved growing conditions, the 1973 soybean crop is placed at 6.7 million, 400,000 tons above the below normal output of 1972. Acreage devoted to soybeans in 1973 is believed to have declined by 5 percent, reflecting increased competition from wheat and cotton.

Soybeans: Acreage and production in specified countries and the world
annual 1968-73 1/

Continent and Country	Acreage 2/						Production																									
	1968			1969			1970			1971			1968			1969			1970			1971										
	(In 1,000 acres)						(In 1,000 metric tons)																									
North America																																
United States 4/.....	41,391	41,337	42,249	42,701	45,698	56,116	30,137	30,839	30,675	32,006	34,581	42,621	1,106,938	1,133,120	1,127,100	1,173,989	1,470,630	1,566,218	1,566,218	1,566,218	1,566,218	1,566,218	1,566,218	1,566,218								
(1,000 bushels).....																																
Canada.....	295	322	335	367	405	470	246	209	283	280	283	310	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000								
Mexico.....	324	420	346	383	593	756	270	300	240	250	273	310	397	397	397	397	397	397	397	397	397	397	397	397								
South America																																
Argentina.....	50	70	64	93	168	419	22	32	27	59	78	272	1,057	1,109	2,077	3,666	4,826	4,826	4,826	4,826	4,826	4,826	4,826									
Brazil.....	1,764	2,239	3,259	4,563	5,770	7,324	654	1,057	1,109	2,077	3,666	4,826	1,106	1,133	1,127	1,173	1,470	1,566	1,566	1,566	1,566	1,566	1,566									
Colombia.....	116	138	143	151	143	156	87	100	95	115	122	132	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000								
Paraguay.....	2/ 35	2/ 69	99	133	180	227	34	45	52	75	97	128	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000								
Europe																																
Spain.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3								
Romania.....	121	133	195	362	269	269	147	51	91	165	188	21	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11								
Yugoslavia.....	11	11	9	12	9	9	3	5	5	4	6	4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--								
USSR.....	2,110	2,095	2,137	2,145	2,000	2,071	528	434	603	535	260	423	2,071	2,071	2,071	2,071	2,071	2,071	2,071	2,071	2,071	2,071	2,071	2,071								
Africa																																
Nigeria 5/.....	135	96	--	--	--	--	7	34	11	1	20	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--									
Tanzania 5/.....	12	12	12	12	12	12	4	4	4	4	4	4	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12								
South Africa 5/ 6/.....	31	33	35	23	30	22	5	7	4	2	3	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1									
Asia																																
Iran.....	13	11	16	19	18	--	2	4	6	7	10	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--									
Turkey.....	19	20	27	37	25	--	6	11	12	11	13	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--									
China.....	19,800	19,800	19,800	20,015	20,756	19,800	6,480	6,200	6,900	6,700	6,300	6,700	19,800	19,800	19,800	19,800	19,800	19,800	19,800	19,800	19,800	19,800	19,800									
People's Republic of.....	122	112	105	99	89	--	73	67	65	61	60	62	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--								
Taiwan.....	12	12	10	--	--	--	4	4	4	4	4	4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--								
Korea.....	1,673	1,665	1,715	1,616	1,693	1,726	420	389	498	475	513	531	1,673	1,673	1,673	1,673	1,673	1,673	1,673	1,673	1,673	1,673	1,673	1,673								
Indonesia.....	302	254	236	248	220	217	168	136	126	122	127	118	302	302	302	302	302	302	302	302	302	302	302	302								
Japan 5/.....	773	751	736	604	702	771	245	229	232	222	224	257	773	773	773	773	773	773	773	773	773	773	773	773								
Korea, South 5/.....	4	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4									
Philippines.....	5/ 111	5/ 119	2/ 205	5/ 215	215	237	45	61	70	75	83	95	2/ 111	2/ 119	2/ 205	5/ 215	215	237	45	61	70	75	83	95								
Thailand.....	3	6	12	18	14	80	2	2	5	9	28	40	1,111	1,111	1,111	1,111	1,111	1,111	1,111	1,111	1,111	1,111	1,111	1,111								
Australia 5/.....	1,051	1,063	1,127	1,170	1,178	1,422	278	282	275	295	317	333	1,051	1,063	1,127	1,170	1,178	1,422	278	282	275	295	317	333								
Other countries.....																																
Total excluding Romania, USSR, Bulgaria, Hungary, People's Republic of China, North Korea and North Vietnam 5/.....	47,278	47,555	49,705	51,570	56,216	69,611	32,424	33,553	33,958	35,093	40,455	50,152	47,278	47,555	49,705	51,570	56,216	69,611	32,424	33,553	33,958	35,093	40,455	50,152								
Estimated World total 5/.....	70,300	70,597	72,983	75,193	80,316	93,253	39,740	40,504	41,796	43,558	47,459	57,766	70,300	70,597	72,983	75,193	80,316	93,253	39,740	40,504	41,796	43,558	47,459	57,766								
(1,000 bushels).....							(1,160,195)	(1,488,267)	(1,535,740)	(1,600,182)	(1,743,819)	(2,132,537)																				

1/ Years shown refer to years of harvest. Southern Hemisphere crops which are harvested in the early part of the year are combined with those of the Northern Hemisphere harvested the latter part of the same year. 2/ Figures refer to harvested areas as far as possible. 3/ Preliminary. 4/ Acreage harvested for beans. 5/ Planted area. 6/ Quantities purchased by the Nigerian Marketing Board for export. 7/ Sales. 8/ European farms only. 9/ Includes estimates for the above countries for which data are not available and for minor producing countries.

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WORLD POTATO CROP RECORD HIGH

World potato production reached a record high of 260,620,000 metric tons in 1973, representing a 13 percent increase over a year earlier.

The largest increase in potato production occurred in the USSR, where, due to favorable weather conditions, the total crop reached a new high of 107,700,000 metric tons representing an increase of 37 percent over 1972 and 41 percent of total world production.

Eastern European production increased by 2,596,000 metric tons, even though the total area under cultivation dropped by 22,000 hectares. Poland remained the dominate producer accounting for 68 percent of the region's total and posting an increase over the previous year by 6 percent.

Western European production increased by 3 percent. West Germany remained the leading producer accounting for 26 percent of the total West European crop; but declining for the fourth straight year and by 9 percent from the 1972 level.

South American production rose by 3 percent with Brazil and Argentina together accounting for over 82 percent of the total Latin American crop.

Although the cultivated area in North America dropped by 4 percent, production increased by 185,000 metric tons with Canada accounting for most of the increase. The 1973 crop in the United States, which represented 84 percent of the North American total, was about equal to a year earlier.

Potatoes: Acreage and production in specified countries,
annually 1971 - 1973

Continent and Country	ACREAGE			PRODUCTION		
	1971	1972	1973	1971	1972	1973 ^{1/}
	1,000 Hectares	1,000 Hectares	1,000 Hectares	1,000 M. T.	1,000 M. T.	1,000 M. T.
North America:						
Canada	109	99	106	2,056	1,991	2,123
Mexico	40	39	40	442	461	450
United States	563	507	527	14,486	13,424	13,488
Total	712	645	673	16,984	15,876	16,061
Europe						
Austria	105	101	92	2,717	2,341	2,329
Belgium-Luxembourg	52	39	45	1,687	1,163	1,266
Denmark	32	29	29	750	800	730
Finland	50	48	46	803	716	715
France 2/	372	337	325	8,994	8,471	7,966
Germany, West	554	503	480	15,176	15,038	13,676
Greece	50	49	53	727	732	797
Ireland	52	44	48	1,446	1,170	1,270
Italy	238	209	230	3,268	3,305	3,200
Netherlands	154	149	157	5,749	5,581	5,771
Norway	31	29	29	708	634	672
Portugal	110	112	111	1,124	1,139	1,090
Spain	416	379	405	4,857	5,137	5,300
Sweden	50	47	44	1,242	1,136	905
Switzerland	28	25	24	1,175	1,000	1,025
United Kingdom	257	236	225	7,396	6,527	6,492
Total Western Europe	2,551	2,336	2,343	57,819	54,890	53,204
Czechoslovakia	332	321	305	4,621	5,058	5,015
Germany, East	658	646	645	9,512	12,140	11,600
Poland	2,669	2,656	2,678	39,801	48,735	51,900
Yugoslavia	326	315	317	2,952	2,406	2,974
Other Eastern Europe 3/	448	444	415	5,963	5,403	4,849
Total Europe 4/	6,984	6,718	6,703	120,668	128,632	129,542
U.S.S.R.	7,894	7,960	8,017	92,655	78,329	107,700
Asia:						
Japan	156	152	150	3,271	3,533	3,300
South America:						
Argentina	186	155	124	1,958	1,340	1,535
Brazil	208	202	206	1,580	1,720	1,750
Chile	80	81	67	836	730	624
Venezuela	14	13	13	115	109	108
Total	488	451	410	4,489	3,899	4,017
Grand total	16,234	15,926	15,953	238,067	230,269	260,620

^{1/} Preliminary. ^{2/} Excluding home gardens. ^{3/} Bulgaria, Romania and Hungary.

^{4/} Excluding U.S.S.R.

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WORLD SUGAR STOCKS DOWN AGAIN

Total stocks of sugar in 46 specified countries were slightly lower again at the beginning of the 1973-74 grinding season. This is the third year in a row that this has been the case. Beginning stocks were down in 1973-74 from a year earlier for all regions except Australia. The largest drop was accounted for by South America, mainly due to reduced stocks in Brazil which took advantage of higher prices to move sugar.

The largest stocks were held by France at the beginning of 1973-74, followed by the United States, West Germany, Brazil, and India. France and

West Germany are currently net exporters of sugar, the United States is the largest importer, while Brazil and India are exporters.

Aside from Brazil, the largest decreases in beginning stocks from 1972-73 to 1973-74 were in the United Kingdom, the United States, and Spain. On the other hand, stocks increased somewhat in Australia, Yugoslavia, and Italy. World sugar stocks are expected to be larger at the end of the 1973-74 season because world production will exceed consumption requirements by around 1 million tons during the current year.

CENTRIFUGAL SUGAR (RAW VALUE): STOCKS BEGINNING OF GRINDING SEASON IN 46 COUNTRIES
SEASON 1969/70 - 1973/74

(In thousands of short tons)

Continent and country	Date ^{1/}	Sugar-making season				
		1969-70	1970-71	1971-72	1972-73	1973-74 ^{2/}
North America:						
Canada	September 1	254	280	176	225	219
Costa Rica	October 1	42	50	38	68	71
El Salvador	November 1	50	42	50	23	11
Guatemala	November 1	35	35	46	63	65
Mexico	November 1	604	348	466	334	448
Nicaragua	January 1	5	8	21	33	38
U.S. and insular areas	October 1	1,651	1,396	1,450	1,204	1,060
Caribbean:						
Barbados	January 1	3	3	1	5	5
Dominican Republic	January 1	140	247	224	102	60
Haiti	January 1	2	4	1	7	6
Jamaica	January 1	32	38	44	32	51
Trinidad and Tobago	January 1	3	4	3	2	1
Total		2,821	2,455	2,540	2,098	2,035
South America:						
Argentina	June 1	292	242	148	32	128
Brazil	June 1	1,545	1,351	1,430	1,377	872
Chile	April 1	168	190	66	67	69
Colombia	May 1	57	38	31	73	33
Ecuador	May 1	123	72	71	55	40
Guyana	August 1	26	25	26	8	9
Peru	January 1	95	69	111	67	66
Uruguay	October 1	37	47	51	52	46
Venezuela	September 1	124	99	118	87	82
Total		2,467	2,133	2,052	1,818	1,345
Europe:						
Austria	October 1	43	93	197	82	66
Belgium	October 1	87	46	57	61	21
Denmark	October 1	63	66	23	37	10
Finland	August 1	129	126	0	20	35
France	October 1	958	1,391	1,021	1,080	1,078
Germany, West	October 1	929	933	861	941	885
Greece	July 1	92	104	84	84	83
Ireland	October 1	111	103	69	92	103
Italy	August 1	240	364	263	287	1,92
Netherlands	October 1	200	169	43	72	120
Spain	July 1	253	241	117	273	111
Sweden	August 1	208	128	86	160	148
Switzerland	October 1	220	166	160	180	173
United Kingdom	September 1	533	549	543	841	591
Yugoslavia	September 1	492	377	109	101	268
Total		4,558	4,856	3,633	4,311	4,160
Africa:						
Egypt, Arab Republic of	November 1	30	33	83	48	49
Mauritius	June 1	12	16	29	35	75
South Africa, Republic of	May 1	61	100	105	233	96
Total		103	149	217	316	220
Asia:						
India	November 1	1,540	2,465	1,554	659	724
Iran	October 1	497	591	550	578	550
Japan	October 1	370	362	493	591	487
Philippines	October 1	62	231	251	62	121
Thailand	November 1	88	135	191	114	168
Turkey	August 1	563	330	234	310	239
Total		3,120	4,114	3,273	2,314	2,289
Australia	June 1	220	370	475	279	474
Total of above		13,289	14,077	12,190	11,136	10,523

^{1/} All stock carryover dates, except for January 1 and April 1, apply to the first year mentioned at the head of each column.
^{2/} Preliminary.

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RECORD WORLD WHEAT PRODUCTION IN 1973

World wheat production in 1973 totaled a record 367 million metric tons, 10 percent above the 1972 harvest and 17 percent higher than the 1967-71 average. World wheat area gained about 5 percent, at 218 million hectares, and yield rose 5 percent at 16.8 quintals per hectare.

The Canadian wheat crop in 1973, at 17.1 million tons, was 18 percent above that of 1972, principally because of larger area. The United States produced a record 46.6 million-ton crop, up 11 percent. The U.S. area gained 14 percent to 21.8 million hectares. Mexico's wheat crop was 18 percent higher at 2 million tons.

The South American wheat harvest is estimated at 9.2 million tons, 4 percent higher than in 1972. The Argentine crop, is estimated at 6 million tons, down 13 percent. The Argentine area was 22 percent lower because of a wet planting season and a discouraging price situation. Brazil produced 1.85 million tons, its second largest crop.

Western Europe produced 50.3 million tons of wheat in 1973, 2 percent below the 1972 high. The European Community (EC) had a 41.1 million-ton crop, compared with 41.2 million in 1972. Declines

in France and Italy were offset by gains in West Germany and the United Kingdom. Spanish production dropped 14 percent to 3.9 million tons because of dry weather.

The East European wheat crop gained 4 percent to 31.8 million tons. Poland, Czechoslovakia, and Hungary had substantially larger outturns.

The Soviet Union produced a record 109.7 million tons of wheat in 1973, 28 percent above 1972 and 9 percent over the previous record in 1966.

African wheat production was off 7 percent, at 8.7 million tons, because of declines from good yields in North Africa in 1972.

The 1973 wheat harvest in Asia is estimated at 79.4 million tons, down 4 percent. India and Turkey had declines of 1.5 million tons, while Pakistan had nearly a million-ton increase.

Australia's wheat crop is estimated at 11.9 million tons, nearly double that of 1972, as area gained by 15 percent. Wet weather late in the season left Australia with a substantial amount of off-grade wheat.

WHEAT: AREA, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION IN SPECIFIED COUNTRIES, YEAR OF HARVEST, AVERAGE 1967-71, ANNUAL 1972 AND 1973^{1/}

CONTINENT AND COUNTRY	AREA ^{2/}		YIELD		PRODUCTION			
	AVE. 1967-71	1972	AVE. 1967-71	1972	1973 ^{3/}	AVE. 1967-71	1972	1973 ^{3/}
	THOUSAND HA.	THOUSAND HA.	THOUSAND HA.	QUA/HA.	QUA/HA.	THOUSAND MT	THOUSAND MT	THOUSAND MT
NORTH AMERICA								
CANADA	9,421	8,640	10,021	14.0	15.0	17,1	19,100	19,314
GUATEMALA	37	45	47	9.6	9.6	32	44	44
HONDURAS	1	1	1	10.0	10.0	10	1	1
MEXICO	710	600	720	26.0	25.0	27.8	2,005	2,004
UNITED STATES	20,261	19,130	21,803	20.0	22.0	21.4	40,694	52,046
TOTAL	30,532	28,502	32,523	19.9	20.2	20.2	57,630	65,714
SOUTH AMERICA								
ARGENTINA	4,971	4,965	3,850	12.3	13.9	15.0	6,130	6,900
BRAZIL	1,293	1,500	9,2	4.5	10.2	1,192	650	1,850
BOLIVIA	75	90	118	7.9	8.7	8.9	60	105
CHILE	724	534	550	16.6	14.0	14.0	1,202	770
COLOMBIA	67	57	50	11.3	11.4	10.0	76	56
ECUADOR	72	60	47	9.0	8.3	9.1	55	43
PARAGUAY	30	30	25	10.3	6.3	8.0	37	20
PERU	143	140	145	9.2	10.0	10.3	132	149
URUGUAY	354	165	204	10.1	10.1	10.0	236	204
VEZUELA	6	1	1	1.5	1.0	1.0	1	1
TOTAL	7,731	7,502	6,810	12.0	11.2	12.5	4,227	5,192
EUROPE								
BELGIUM	200	211	201	41.5	44.6	50.0	632	942
DENMARK	104	135	119	60.4	43.9	43.9	502	523
FRANCE	3,952	3,928	3,957	26.5	45.8	45.0	14,727	18,123
GERMANY, WEST	1,462	1,060	1,603	50.4	39.4	43.2	5,479	6,410
IRELAND	47	68	56	36.6	39.7	32.5	335	270
ITALY	4,112	3,804	3,390	23.6	24.8	24.8	9,766	9,461
LUXEMBOURG	14	12	11	30.7	35.6	32.7	42	30
NETHERLANDS	149	150	138	47.0	43.1	52.5	706	725
UNITED KINGDOM	970	1,127	1,140	30.8	32.2	33.2	4,181	3,030
TOTAL EC	11,073	11,097	10,871	31.4	31.9	30.9	41,263	41,111
AUSTRIA	207	274	265	32.1	31.1	33.3	865	749
FINLAND	209	179	188	22.5	25.0	24.2	471	403
GREECE	911	904	665	18.6	21.2	20.4	1,804	1,919
MALTA-COZO	1	1	1	15.0	20.0	20.0	4	2
NORWAY	4	3	5	31.6	40.0	40.0	12	20
PORTUGAL	599	511	479	10.6	12.0	10.2	1,634	1,012
SPAIN	3,808	3,900	3,151	13.0	12.8	12.4	5,020	4,502
SWEDEN	455	268	404	39.8	42.9	44.2	1,010	1,150
SWITZERLAND	99	89	87	39.1	42.1	37.9	305	372
TOTAL WESTERN EUROPE	17,370	16,866	16,180	26.9	30.3	31.1	46,767	51,172
ALBANIA	130	125	135	14.7	14.8	14.8	144	200
BULGARIA	1,028	960	975	27.9	37.4	37.3	3,600	3,631
CZECHOSLOVAKIA	1,023	1,172	1,155	30.9	33.7	31.7	3,196	4,059
GERMANY, EAST	1,774	1,610	1,703	38.0	39.8	40.0	2,774	2,765
HUNGARY	1,209	1,117	1,100	27.4	31.0	34.6	3,112	4,059
POLAND	1,915	2,008	1,962	26.2	25.1	29.6	6,640	5,147
ROMANIA	4,062	4,122	2,150	14.0	24.0	22.4	4,794	6,047
YUGOSLAVIA	1,934	1,929	1,090	25.3	25.2	27.9	4,851	4,736
TOTAL EASTERN EUROPE	10,505	10,768	10,453	23.9	28.4	30.4	23,933	30,646
TOTAL EUROPE	47,876	47,674	46,052	24.7	29.6	30.8	72,700	81,835
U.S.S.R. (EUROPE AND ASIA)	65,493	58,492	63,125	26.1	15.2	17.4	82,852	82,924
AFRICA								
ALGERIA	2,209	4,200	2,150	6.2	6.1	5.1	1,570	1,350
ANGOLA	17	13	13	11.2	7.7	7.7	19	10
Egypt	552	521	570	26.9	31.0	32.2	1,866	1,637
ETHIOPIA	1,068	1,100	1,110	7.6	7.6	7.7	810	450
KENYA	152	104	100	13.5	14.4	13.5	205	115
LIBYA	169	120	110	2.4	6.7	5.5	40	60
MOROCCO	1,847	2,058	2,107	10.0	11.7	6.7	1,834	2,405
MOZAMBIQUE	10	13	13	9.0	10.0	10.0	9	13
NIGERIA	2	3	2	20.0	20.0	20.0	5	6
RHODESIA	11	25	25	32.1	34.0	34.0	37	89
SOUTH AFRICA	1,739	2,017	2,025	7.7	8.6	8.6	1,330	1,737
SUDAN	100	124	122	11.5	13.3	13.9	110	165
TANZANIA	39	53	43	12.1	12.3	11.6	48	58
UGANDA	766	1,000	950	14.3	8.0	7.9	403	802
ZAIRE	1	3	3	10.0	10.6	10.0	1	1
TOTAL	6,700	7,124	9,523	9.9	10.0	9.3	7,120	9,523
ASIA								
AFGHANISTAN	2,800	2,513	3,000	9.0	11.7	12.3	2,924	3,170
BANGLADESH	24	127	121	9.4	7.9	8.3	23	100
BURMA	84	80	80	5.4	6.3	6.3	50	50
CHINA, PEOPLE'S REP OF	24,440	44,400	25,000	9.7	11.5	11.2	23,600	28,000
CHINA, REP OF (TAIWAN)	5	1	1	20.0	20.0	20.0	10	2
CYPRUS	50	55	15	13.6	9.1	6.7	77	10
INDIA	15,732	19,139	19,861	11.5	13.6	12.5	18,102	26,410
IRAN	4,280	4,300	4,300	9.1	9.9	9.3	3,800	4,034
IRAQ	1,672	2,610	2,600	5.7	7.6	6.0	1,659	600
ISRAEL	10	10	11	16.7	21.0	22.8	110	230
JAPAN	23	111	75	24.8	24.9	26.9	70	264
JORDAN	160	174	160	6.3	9.6	4.0	164	60
KUWAIT, STATE OF	160	160	160	5.5	5.3	5.3	49	59
KYRGYZ REP OF	164	161	70	20.7	23.4	23.1	340	261
LEBANON	61	64	66	8.6	10.2	4.7	52	30
NEPAL	159	150	150	13.3	14.0	13.3	211	200
UTTER MONGOLIA	346	360	360	6.7	7.5	7.9	231	265
PAKISTAN	6,010	5,799	5,713	10.4	11.9	11.1	6,247	6,890
SAUDI ARABIA	100	100	100	14.6	15.0	15.0	140	150
SOUTHERN YEMEN	14	14	14	11.0	10.7	10.7	10	15
SYRIA	835	1,100	850	9.9	10.0	9.5	500	550
TURKEY	8,180	8,100	8,100	10.9	11.7	9.9	8,200	8,200
TOTAL	65,947	69,166	70,365	10.7	11.9	11.2	6,171	7,124
OCEANIA								
AUSTRALIA	8,606	7,778	8,955	11.5	8.6	13.2	9,659	11,854
NEW ZEALAND	112	128	85	32.0	30.9	33.8	341	267
TOTAL	8,722	7,906	9,040	11.7	8.7	13.4	10,244	11,941
WORLD TOTAL	215,507	216,056	216,218	14.6	16.0	16.8	314,787	333,705
								366,756

^{1/} Years shown refer to year of harvest in the Northern Hemisphere. Harvests of Northern Hemisphere countries are combined with those of the Southern Hemisphere which immediately follow; thus, the crop harvested in the Northern Hemisphere in 1973 is combined with estimates for the Southern Hemisphere harvest which begins late in 1973 and ends early in 1974. ^{2/} Harvested area as far as possible. ^{3/} Preliminary.

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RYE PRODUCTION GAINS SLIGHTLY IN 1973

The 1973 world rye harvest is estimated at 28.9 million tons, about 2 percent over 1972. World rye area declined 9 percent to 15.5 million hectares, while yield gained 11 percent to 18.6 quintals per hectare.

The United States produced 671,000 tons of rye in 1973, down 9 percent, with declines in both area and yield. The Canadian harvest gained 6 percent to 363,000 tons.

Western Europe had a 4.6 million-ton rye crop, down 9 percent. The European Community (EC)

harvest at 3.3 million tons was down 400,000. West Germany harvested 2.6 million tons off 350,000 on lower area.

The East European rye harvest was little changed at 11 million tons. The Polish crop gained slightly to 8.3 million tons on a record yield.

The Soviet Union produced 10.7 million tons of rye in 1973, up 1.1 million tons on good yield. Soviet area declined 1.1 million hectares.

RYE AREA, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION IN SPECIFIED COUNTRIES. YEAR OF HARVEST, AVERAGE 1967-71, ANNUAL 1972 AND 1973 1/

CONTINENT AND COUNTRY	AREA 2/		YIELD		PRODUCTION				
	AVE. 1967-71	1972	1973 3/	AVE. 1967-71	1972	1973 3/	AVE. 1967-71	1972	1973 3/
	THOUSAND HA.	THOUSAND HA.	THOUSAND HA.	QU/HA	QU/HA	QU/HA	THOUSAND MT	THOUSAND MT	THOUSAND MT
NORTH AMERICA:									
CANADA	351	257	256	12.4	13.4	14.2	456	344	363
UNITED STATES	222	447	420	15.8	16.9	16.0	829	741	671
TOTAL	876	696	676	14.5	15.6	15.3	1,265	1,085	1,034
SOUTH AMERICA:									
ARGENTINA	498	747	750	6.1	9.2	8.7	305	690	650
CHILE	9	6	10	12.3	13.3	13.0	11	8	13
ECUADOR	4	6	6	4.5	3.3	3.3	2	2	2
TOTAL	511	759	766	6.2	9.2	8.7	318	700	655
EUROPE:									
BELGIUM	25	41	17	32.9	35.7	34.7	83	75	59
DENMARK	40	42	39	32.8	36.9	35.4	131	155	130
FRANCE	161	133	127	20.7	20.3	27.2	333	350	346
GERMANY, WEST	949	879	769	32.0	33.6	34.0	3,037	2,954	2,812
ITALY	38	18	17	18.5	21.1	22.4	70	38	38
LUXEMBOURG	2	2	1	33.3	45.0	40.0	6	9	4
NETHERLANDS	65	54	31	32.6	28.0	33.9	213	151	105
UNITED KINGDOM	4	6	5	29.1	31.7	32.0	13	19	16
TOTAL EC	1,265	1,135	1,006	30.2	32.5	33.0	3,186	3,751	3,318
AUSTRIA	142	144	135	28.7	27.9	32.5	400	402	419
FINLAND	73	59	52	19.0	20.2	22.1	139	119	115
GREECE	8	5	5	11.2	14.0	12.0	4	7	6
NORWAY	1	1	2	33.3	50.0	25.0	4	5	7
PORTUGAL	246	226	196	7.4	7.3	6.3	173	164	124
SPAIN	363	278	248	9.0	9.5	9.4	306	263	252
SWEDEN	71	106	100	31.2	34.5	33.2	222	366	332
SWITZERLAND	13	12	11	41.5	41.7	40.9	51	50	45
TOTAL WESTERN EUROPE	2,173	1,986	1,775	24.0	25.8	26.1	5,120	5,127	4,638
ALBANIA	20	24	24	7.6	8.3	8.3	15	20	20
BULGARIA	24	40	26	11.8	12.0	12.0	28	24	24
CZECHOSLOVAKIA	277	232	224	23.2	27.3	30.7	646	633	686
GERMANY, EAST	704	685	660	24.7	28.4	26.0	1,741	1,947	1,716
HUNGARY	171	119	108	12.1	14.4	16.1	207	171	180
POLAND	3,967	3,593	3,416	18.9	23.0	24.2	7,502	8,149	8,264
ROMANIA	48	45	45	11.4	11.1	10.0	55	50	45
YUGOSLAVIA	123	104	96	11.4	11.5	12.3	141	120	118
TOTAL EASTERN EUROPE	8,334	6,772	6,593	19.4	23.3	24.1	10,327	11,114	11,055
TOTAL EUROPE	7,507	6,758	6,368	20.7	24.0	24.6	15,530	16,441	15,693
U.S.S.R. (EUROPE AND ASIA)	10,690	8,100	7,012	11.9	11.8	15.3	12,702	9,633	10,745
ASIA:									
TURKEY	686	625	625	11.5	12.1	11.2	790	755	700
TOTAL	686	625	625	11.5	12.1	11.2	790	755	700
OCEANIA:									
AUSTRALIA	40	46	47	4.6	4.3	5.3	18	20	15
TOTAL	40	46	47	4.6	4.3	5.3	18	20	15
WORLD TOTAL.....	20,309	17,044	15,494	15.1	16.7	18.6	30,690	28,634	28,862

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RECORD BARLEY CROP HARVESTED IN 1973

World production of barley in 1973 is estimated at a record 155 million tons, 12 percent above 1972 and 26 percent over the 1967-71 average. World barley area continued to increase with a 3 percent gain over 1972 and a 15 percent hike over the 1967-71 average.

Highlighting world barley production is the record USSR crop which, at 55 million tons, was up 49 percent over 1972 and 73 percent above the 1967-71 average.

The United States barley crop at 9.2 million tons was about equal to 1972 and only slightly above the 1967-71 average. The Canadian barley crop of 10.3 million tons, however, was 21 percent above the 1967-71 average but 8 percent below 1972.

Barley production in Europe estimated at 56.3 million tons, registered a 2 percent gain over 1972

but a 19 percent increase over the 1967-71 average. Production in Eastern Europe registered an 8 percent gain while Western Europe increased by only 1 percent over 1972.

The estimated African barley crop of 3.2 million tons is 20 percent below 1972 and 15 percent below the 1967-71 average, primarily because of extremely poor harvest in Morocco.

Barley production in Asia is estimated at 16.7 million tons, 10 percent below the 1972 harvest and the 1967-71 average. Decreased production in the Middle East, India, and South Korea accounted for most of the decline.

Australia's barley production of 2.5 million tons is 45 percent greater than 1972 and 29 percent above the 1967-71 average.

BARLEY

* AREA, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION IN SPECIFIED COUNTRIES, YEAR OF HARVEST, AVERAGE 1967-71, ANNUAL 1972 AND 1973 1/

CONTINENT AND COUNTRY	AREA 2/			YIELD			PRODUCTION		
	AVE. 1967-71	1972	1973 3/	AVE. 1967-71	1972	1973 3/	AVE. 1967-71	1972	1973 3/
	THOUSAND HA	THOUSAND HA	THOUSAND HA	QU/HA	QU/HA	QU/HA	THOUSAND MT	THOUSAND MT	THOUSAND MT
NORTH AMERICA:									
CANADA.....	4,088	5,063	4,019	20.9	22.3	23.4	8,535	11,265	10,333
MEXICO.....	230	210	210	4.5	10.0	9.5	225	210	200
UNITED STATES.....	3,917	3,928	4,260	23.4	23.5	21.7	9,175	9,220	9,242
TOTAL.....	6,241	9,201	9,307	21.8	22.5	21.2	17,933	20,715	19,775
SOUTH AMERICA:									
ARGENTINA.....	462	601	624	11.3	14.6	13.1	527	880	820
BRAZIL.....	31	25	25	9.8	10.4	10.4	29	26	26
CHILE.....	55	64	70	20.8	16.7	17.0	117	107	119
COLOMBIA.....	59	71	60	14.6	14.1	12.5	40	100	75
ECUADOR.....	109	100	80	9.7	9.0	8.1	105	90	65
PERU.....	183	183	185	8.9	8.7	8.9	162	160	165
URUGUAY.....	40	31	35	4.0	9.4	9.1	36	29	32
TOTAL.....	954	1,075	1,079	11.2	12.9	12.1	1,062	1,392	1,302
EUROPE:									
BELGIUM.....	155	149	153	37.2	42.8	45.0	573	637	688
DENMARK.....	1,290	1,601	1,443	38.7	39.8	38.0	4,991	5,512	5,451
FRANCE.....	2,816	2,673	2,786	32.3	39.0	38.9	9,104	10,423	10,844
GERMANY, WEST.....	1,401	1,249	1,671	34.9	37.6	38.4	4,085	5,817	6,423
IRLAND.....	203	252	250	37.0	38.9	35.1	751	861	843
ITALY.....	173	160	203	17.1	21.0	22.6	307	390	450
LUXEMBOURG.....	15	17	17	11.6	31.8	32.9	49	54	56
NETHERLANDS.....	103	83	93	37.4	41.0	42.2	207	340	380
UNITED KINGDOM.....	2,327	2,288	2,288	35.8	40.6	39.6	8,457	9,238	8,992
TOTAL EC.....	9,513	9,242	9,093	34.6	39.8	38.9	24,495	33,694	34,135
AUSTRIA.....	265	296	299	33.2	33.0	36.1	801	971	1,021
FINLAND.....	378	400	459	22.7	24.5	19.6	850	1,140	897
GREECE.....	359	394	411	19.3	22.2	20.9	666	873	857
HUNGARY-GOUZO.....	1	2	14	44.3	10.0	10.0	2	2	2
NORWAY.....	141	181	182	30.3	28.8	29.4	566	921	535
PORTUGAL.....	116	49	86	6.2	7.0	6.4	72	62	55
SPAIN.....	2,023	2,519	2,773	17.0	17.3	15.9	3,608	4,358	4,408
SWEDEN.....	579	582	636	30.6	32.4	27.4	1,770	1,683	1,744
SWITZERLAND.....	30	39	40	37.7	40.0	42.3	136	156	169
TOTAL WESTERN EUROPE.....	12,454	13,160	13,750	30.6	33.0	31.9	38,052	43,426	43,823
ALBANIA.....	0	10	10	10.0	10.0	9	10	10	10
BULGARIA.....	408	445	420	25.1	32.0	33.0	1,023	1,473	1,483
CZECHOSLOVAKIA.....	772	850	873	30.3	31.4	34.0	2,336	2,604	2,471
GERMANY, EAST.....	617	618	610	33.5	41.9	40.2	2,005	2,592	2,575
HUNGARY.....	359	291	289	22.7	27.6	30.1	617	802	873
POLAND.....	771	1,016	1,083	24.4	27.1	29.2	1,886	2,750	3,163
ROMANIA.....	293	330	300	20.1	25.7	24.8	576	849	745
YUGOSLAVIA.....	303	290	324	15.7	16.8	20.5	476	681	674
TOTAL EASTERN EUROPE.....	3,533	3,850	3,973	26.1	30.1	31.4	9,206	11,592	12,493
TOTAL EUROPE.....	15,987	17,016	17,123	29.6	32.3	31.8	47,250	55,008	56,316
U.S.S.R. (EUROPE AND ASIA):									
AFRICA:	20,763	27,600	29,587	15.3	13.5	18.7	31,791	34,800	34,981
ALGERIA.....	634	600	575	7.2	7.5	7.0	457	450	400
EGYPT.....	51	54	35	20.2	31.5	31.4	103	607	610
ETHIOPIA.....	1,731	1,750	1,760	8.6	8.6	8.5	1,496	1,500	1,500
MOROCCO.....	1,750	1,293	1,602	8.9	10.9	5.7	1,557	1,744	914
SOUTH AFRICA.....	37	38	38	4.1	9.5	7.4	36	30	28
TUNISIA.....	361	350	375	3.4	5.7	6.9	122	200	260
TOTAL.....	4,515	4,185	4,385	8.2	9.2	7.3	3,769	4,337	3,212
ASIA:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
AFGHANISTAN.....	324	350	350	10.7	10.7	10.7	347	375	375
BANGLADESH.....	-	26	26	6.2	7.3	-	-	10	10
CHINA, PEOPLES REP.....	6,382	6,500	6,500	10.1	10.8	10.8	6,440	7,000	7,000
CHINA, REP. OF (TAWAN).....	1	1	1	10.0	10.0	10.0	1	1	1
CYPRUS.....	70	80	80	10.6	8.8	8.8	82	70	15
INDIA.....	2,856	2,655	2,006	9.6	10.5	9.7	2,755	2,177	2,327
IRAN.....	1,510	1,400	1,400	7.2	5.7	6.4	1,038	800	900
IRAQ.....	1,066	1,100	1,050	7.9	9.1	6.5	687	1,000	680
ISRAEL.....	24	22	21	9.5	15.0	8.1	27	33	17
JAPAN.....	268	121	80	29.4	26.9	27.0	7dd	325	410
JORDAN.....	74	84	40	5.0	5.5	3.5	39	40	14
KOREA, REP. OF.....	924	675	816	21.3	22.5	21.8	1,979	1,965	1,773
LEBANON.....	15	8	15	7.2	10.0	6.0	11	8	6
PAKISTAN.....	180	157	164	6.2	6.6	6.7	112	103	110
SAUDI ARABIA.....	29	20	26	13.7	13.5	13.5	36	35	35
SYRIA.....	520	600	500	1.3	8.3	7.0	380	500	350
TURKEY.....	2,680	2,530	2,500	13.7	14.7	11.6	3,65%	3,725	2,900
TOTAL.....	16,933	16,335	15,925	11.0	11.4	10.5	18,635	18,579	16,743
OCEANIA:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
AUSTRALIA.....	1,691	2,200	1,800	11.3	7.8	13.7	1,919	1,708	2,474
NEW ZEALAND.....	72	74	73	33.0	35.3	33.6	244	261	245
TOTAL.....	1,763	2,274	1,873	12.3	8.7	14.5	2,163	1,969	2,219
WORLD TOTAL.....	69,226	73,604	70,681	17.7	17.9	19.5	122,609	138,500	155,048

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WORLD OAT OUTPUT IN 1973

The 1973 world oat harvest is estimated at 54 million tons, 5 percent above 1972 but 2 percent below the 1967-71 average. Total world area was up 3 percent over 1972 and about equal to the 1967-71 average.

Oat production in the United States was estimated at 9.6 million tons, 4 percent below the 1972 harvest and 26 percent below the 1967-71 average.

The Canadian crop of 5 million tons was up 9 percent over 1972.

Oat production in Europe was down by 6 percent with production static or declining in most countries. USSR production at 17.5 million tons, however, registered a 24 percent gain over 1972 and a 34 percent increase over the 1967-71 average.

CONTINENT AND COUNTRY	1 AREA, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION IN SPECIFIED COUNTRIES. YEAR OF HARVEST, AVERAGE 1967-71, ANNUAL 1972 AND 1973 1/								
	AVE.1967-71		AREA 2/		YIELD		PRODUCTION		
	THOUSAND HA	THOUSAND HA	THOUSAND HA	QU/HA	QU/HA	QU/HA	THOUSAND MT	THOUSAND MT	THOUSAND MT
NORTH AMERICA:									
CANADA.....	2,964	2,470	2,711	18.0	18.7	18.6	5,336	4,630	5,041
MEXICO.....	51	65	70	10.0	11.5	11.9	51	75	83
UNITED STATES.....	6,977	5,476	5,710	18.8	18.3	16.9	13,049	10,044	9,636
TOTAL.....	9,992	8,009	8,491	18.5	18.4	17.4	18,476	14,749	14,766
SOUTH AMERICA:									
ARGENTINA.....	389	399	380	12.6	14.2	13.1	480	566	520
BRAZIL.....	30	30	30	8.4	9.0	9.0	25	27	27
CHILE.....	84	76	78	14.0	14.3	14.4	110	109	112
ECUADOR.....	1	1	2	10.0	10.0	10.0	1	1	2
URUGUAY.....	74	65	83	8.2	8.9	8.0	61	50	66
TOTAL.....	576	571	573	12.6	13.3	12.7	693	761	727
EUROPE:									
BELGIUM.....	92	75	68	35.2	36.9	37.4	322	271	254
DENMARK.....	207	163	130	37.4	39.1	35.5	773	631	462
FRANCE.....	1,091	955	884	27.5	32.3	31.9	3,002	3,084	2,817
GERMANY, WEST.....	1,217	1,131	1,137	32.6	34.6	35.4	3,965	3,909	4,030
IRELAND.....	78	52	49	30.9	34.4	34.7	240	179	170
ITALY.....	315	250	238	15.3	17.6	17.6	482	440	419
LUXEMBOURG.....	16	14	14	29.4	30.7	30.7	46	43	43
NETHERLANDS.....	71	33	30	40.8	43.8	44.3	289	144	133
UNITED KINGDOM.....	382	314	281	34.0	40.0	39.4	1,299	1,255	1,106
TOTAL EC.....	3,466	2,987	2,831	30.0	33.4	33.3	10,419	9,966	9,434
AUSTRIA.....	109	96	95	27.6	26.6	30.2	301	255	287
FINLAND.....	498	501	528	23.7	24.9	20.5	1,179	1,245	1,004
GREECE.....	94	76	74	13.0	14.2	13.8	122	106	102
NORWAY.....	60	66	100	31.4	31.5	34.9	189	271	349
PORTUGAL.....	217	168	158	4.7	5.1	4.8	103	85	76
SPAIN.....	482	467	470	10.6	9.4	9.1	511	440	427
SWEDEN.....	491	502	515	31.2	32.5	23.8	1,532	1,630	1,226
SWITZERLAND.....	9	9	10	30.1	41.1	40.0	34	37	40
TOTAL WESTERN EUROPE.....	5,427	4,892	4,781	26.5	28.7	27.2	14,390	14,039	13,025
ALBANIA.....	24	25	25	6.9	6.8	6.8	17	17	17
BULGARIA.....	88	70	70	11.9	12.6	12.9	105	88	90
CZECHOSLOVAKIA.....	393	310	278	22.8	22.8	27.2	897	729	756
GERMANY, EAST.....	248	247	210	31.6	36.0	33.5	783	890	704
HUNGARY.....	49	48	37	15.6	12.5	18.1	77	60	61
POLAND.....	1,399	1,359	1,271	21.5	23.6	25.3	3,013	3,212	3,216
ROMANIA.....	130	125	125	10.7	12.0	14.0	138	160	175
YUGOSLAVIA.....	201	256	251	11.3	10.2	11.9	317	260	298
TOTAL EASTERN EUROPE.....	2,612	2,448	2,267	20.5	22.1	23.5	5,347	5,412	5,323
TOTAL EUROPE.....	8,039	7,340	7,048	24.6	26.5	26.0	19,737	19,451	18,348
U.S.S.R.(EUROPE AND ASIA).....	9,175	11,400	11,887	14.2	12.4	14.7	14,029	14,100	17,555
AFRICA:									
ALGERIA.....	44	50	50	8.8	8.0	6.4	38	40	32
MOROCCO.....	20	38	25	9.7	10.3	8.0	19	39	20
SOUTH AFRICA.....	231	200	200	5.5	5.2	4.9	128	104	97
TOTAL.....	296	288	275	6.3	6.4	5.4	186	183	149
ASIA:									
CHINA, PEOPLES REP.....	1,347	1,300	1,300	6.2	6.2	6.9	840	800	900
JAPAN.....	36	25	20	21.5	22.8	20.5	76	57	41
TURKEY.....	347	295	300	13.0	13.4	12.5	455	396	376
TOTAL.....	1,730	1,620	1,620	7.9	7.7	8.1	1,369	1,253	1,317
OCEANIA:									
AUSTRALIA.....	1,421	1,007	1,400	9.2	7.3	9.1	1,313	740	1,182
NEW ZEALAND.....	18	17	17	29.8	28.8	28.2	51	49	48
TOTAL.....	1,438	1,024	1,317	9.5	7.7	9.3	1,366	789	1,230
WORLD TOTAL.....	31,246	30,252	31,211	17.6	17.0	17.3	54,855	51,266	53,906

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CORN PRODUCTION AT RECORD LEVEL

World corn production in 1973 is estimated at the record level of 312.6 million metric tons. This is 9 percent above the 1972 harvest and 7 percent over the previous record of 293 million tons in 1971. Both expanded acreage and improved yields helped to produce the record world crop. World corn acreage, estimated at 114 million hectares, was 6 percent over 1972 and 2 percent above the 1971 high. The world average yield increased slightly more than 2 percent over 1972 to 27.4 quintals per hectare.

The United States harvest at 143.3 million tons was 1 percent above 1972 and slightly above the record crop of 1971. Corn production in the European Community is estimated at 16.3 million tons, a 20 percent increase over 1972. The French crop, at 10.7 million tons, exceeded 1972 by 30 percent

and the 1971 high by 22 percent. Production in East European countries, at 27.7 million tons, increased by 3 percent over 1972 with area up by 4 percent. The USSR harvest of 13.4 million tons was 37 percent greater than 1972.

The most dramatic increase occurred in Africa with a total of 23.8 million tons, a 45 percent increase over 1972. Highlighting the African production estimate is the expectation of a record 11 million ton harvest from South Africa, 161 percent greater than the poor 1972 harvest and 13 percent above the previous high.

The corn harvest in Asia is estimated at 41.3 million tons, 14 percent above 1972. The People's Republic of China, Indonesia, and Thailand all registered substantial increases.

CORN I AREA, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION IN SPECIFIED COUNTRIES* YEAR OF HARVEST, AVERAGE 1967-71; ANNUAL 1972 AND 1973 1/

CONTINENT AND COUNTRY	AREA 2/		YIELD		PRODUCTION				
	AVE. 1967-71		1972		1973/		1972		
	THOUSAND HA	THOUSAND HA	THOUSAND HA	QU/HA	QU/HA	THOUSAND MT	THOUSAND MT		
NORTH AMERICA									
CANADA.....	439	347	320	51.9	57.1	2,278	2,540	2,767	
COSTA RICA.....	61	66	67	10.5	13.3	64	66	52	
CUBA.....	159	160	160	7.4	7.8	117	125		
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.....	24	20	16	14.9	20.0	25.0	45	40	
EL SALVADOR.....	200	205	210	14.8	11.4	20.7	29.0	435	
GUATEMALA.....	815	832	670	9.0	6.0	8.7	734	760	
HONDURAS.....	263	280	300	12.2	10.0	11.2	19.5	316	
JAMAICA AND DOM. REP.....	4	6	5	9.5	13.3	9	5	5	
MEXICO.....	7,631	7,300	8,000	10.7	10.8	8,200	8,100	9,200	
NICARAGUA.....	236	211	222	4.9	6.1	211	129	201	
PANAMA.....	89	66	67	8.3	6.7	5.5	14	57	
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.....	2	2	2	15.0	15.0	3	3	3	
UNITED STATES.....	23,687	23,420	26,394	51.0	60.9	57.5	120,858	143,164	
TOTAL.....	33,670	33,115	35,115	39.6	46.4	133,221	153,795	151,325	
SOUTH AMERICA									
ARGENTINA.....	3,715	4,565	3,833	20.8	25.2	7,714	5,000	9,600	
BRAZIL.....	10,037	11,000	11,500	13.3	12.5	13,2	14,351	13,800	15,200
BOLIVIA.....	216	225	225	13.1	13.3	286	300	296	
CHILE.....	76	96	90	10.9	34.2	34.0	236	294	
COLOMBIA.....	762	625	670	10.6	10.0	628	625	670	
ECUADOR.....	216	235	235	9.5	10.0	205	210	215	
PARAGUAY.....	179	142	250	11.9	11.6	12.0	106	240	
PERU.....	375	320	314	16.4	16.0	610	569	600	
URUGUAY.....	176	226	189	7.3	10.1	10.0	129	228	
VENEZUELA.....	614	465	575	11.1	10.9	9.6	678	550	
TOTAL.....	16,381	16,909	17,091	14.8	15.2	24,249	25,832	21,926	
EUROPE									
FRANCE.....	1,277	1,077	1,092	49.6	42.6	54.7	6,337	8,177	10,671
GERMANY, WEST.....	73	114	106	44.6	52.5	385	547	556	
ITALY.....	909	691	902	41.6	53.7	50.0	4,330	4,789	5,052
NETHERLANDS.....	3	4	55.0	33.3	25.0	2	10	10	
UNITED KINGDOM.....	2	1	40.0	35.0	40.0	1	1	1	
YUGOSLAVIA, F.G.R.	2,346	2,091	2,965	47.1	46.8	55.0	11,022	13,530	16,200
AUSTRIA.....	100	133	135	56.9	54.6	54.0	242	245	245
GREECE.....	149	165	160	30.6	37.0	35.0	451	413	650
PORTUGAL.....	421	399	394	13.2	13.3	12.0	557	519	531
SPAIN.....	484	533	510	33.3	36.0	38.0	1,611	1,921	2,054
SWITZERLAND.....	4	18	20	60.5	48.0	66.0	45	72	132
TOTAL WESTERN EUROPE.....	37,507	41,127	41,180	40.7	42.1	49.3	14,270	17,383	20,615
ALBANIA.....	163	165	165	14.8	15.2	251	250	250	250
BULGARIA.....	59	740	740	38.9	39.5	39.5	2,209	2,620	2,180
CZECHOSLOVAKIA.....	137	144	165	35.1	44.5	43.9	491	641	715
GERMANY, EAST.....	2	23	25	26.4	36.3	38.4	6	88	96
HUNGARY.....	1,252	1,192	1,072	13.2	39.7	40.0	4,157	5,531	5,000
POLAND.....	5	4	5	24.2	25.0	30.0	13	10	15
ROMANIA.....	3,213	3,204	3,500	22.4	29.3	27.5	7,405	9,546	9,675
YUGOSLAVIA.....	2,420	2,183	2,178	29.8	33.3	34.4	7,241	7,930	7,256
TOTAL EASTERN EUROPE.....	7,803	8,115	8,148	27.6	32.2	32.4	21,553	24,918	21,713
TOTAL EUROPE.....	11,307	12,254	12,626	31.7	36.2	36.3	35,073	44,401	46,150
U.S.S.R. (EUROPE AND ASIA)								13,440	
AFRICA									
ALGERIA.....	5	6	4	10.0	10.0	5	6	4	
ANGOLA.....	530	530	530	4.6	8.5	8.5	466	450	450
BURUNDI.....	162	190	177	10.6	10.5	10.6	178	184	
CAMEROON.....	353	335	305	11.2	10.4	10.3	337	310	314
DAHOMEY.....	351	310	310	6.6	6.1	6.1	234	160	190
EGYPT.....	636	600	580	30.4	34.6	37.9	2,316	2,617	2,500
ETHIOPIA.....	851	901	905	10.7	11.1	11.0	513	1,004	1,000
GHANA.....	321	309	305	10.9	10.3	11.2	351	402	442
IBERY COAST.....	316	329	310	7.6	9.1	8.2	240	306	280
KENYA.....	1,079	1,085	1,100	12.7	13.2	13.0	1,178	1,700	1,430
MALAGASY REPUBLIC.....	125	110	113	10.3	9.1	9.9	128	110	115
MAURITIUS.....	1,046	900	1,000	13.4	10.1	10.5	1,018	900	1,000
MOROCCO.....	470	451	460	6.4	6.5	6.4	300	292	221
MUZAMBIQUE.....	648	600	600	7.0	5.9	7.4	451	400	500
NETHERLANDS, DUTCH.....	1,171	1,166	1,176	9.7	8.9	8.7	1,133	1,219	1,372
RIGADESI.....	422	400	420	25.5	15.4	25.0	1,074	617	1,125
SENEGAL.....	52	40	39	7.6	7.5	6.4	40	30	32
SOUTH AFRICA.....	5,024	5,011	5,000	13.7	11.7	20.0	6,870	4,211	11,400
TANZANIA.....	1,034	1,000	982	5.7	6.0	5.9	600	540	
UGANDA.....	279	300	280	11.0	12.5	11.1	318	375	328
ZAMBIA.....	182	180	110	22.1	17.5	21.2	513	315	360
ZAIRE (ZEBINGI, K.).....	321	300	350	10.2	10.6	10.6	344	350	370
TOTAL.....	15,399	14,311	16,324	12.5	11.5	14.0	19,213	16,438	21,846
ASIA									
AFGHANISTAN.....	459	460	460	16.1	14.6	15.2	731	680	100
BURMA.....	144	130	130	4.3	4.7	4.9	100	100	
CHINA, PEOPLE'S REP.	13,100	13,000	13,100	19.0	14.9	14.7	24,946	22,000	25,000
CHINA, REP. OF (TAIWAN).....	24	c.3	25	25.1	24.1	30.0	35	40	37
INDIA.....	5,130	5,125	5,800	10.5	10.8	10.9	6,036	6,206	6,100
INDONESIA.....	2,811	2,254	2,158	9.6	8.9	9.6	2,104	2,016	2,594
IRAN.....	25	27	27	13.6	14.8	14.8	31	40	40
ISRAEL.....	1	2	1	44.0	50.0	80.0	4	10	19
JAPAN.....	10	9	7	27.9	25.1	21.7	21	24	24
KHMER REP. (CAMBODIA).....	99	100	100	11.2	11.0	12.0	130	120	120
KOREA, DEM. POP. (NORTH).....	42	36	34	14.1	15.0	17.8	63	54	61
LEBANON.....	4	2	2	15.0	15.0	10.0	3	3	2
MALAYSIA.....	3	3	3	22.4	20.0	23.3	4	6	7
PAKISTAN.....	631	645	608	10.9	11.1	11.1	689	715	615
PHILIPPINES.....	2,350	2,425	2,615	8.0	7.9	8.3	1,976	1,831	2,100
THAILAND.....	727	941	650	25.1	16.2	20.2	1,159	1,620	2,150
TURKEY.....	659	611	600	10.1	10.7	15.8	1,051	1,050	1,040
VIETNAM, SOUTH.....	32	20	29	11.0	10.7	10.7	32	31	31
TOTAL.....	26,937	26,184	27,531	15.0	13.2	15.0	43,279	36,246	41,146
OCEANIA									
AUSTRALIA.....	79	64	75	24.2	29.4	26.0	100	108	105
NEW ZEALAND.....	9	10	10	22.7	24.4	26.5	63	119	122
TOTAL.....	87	80	91	29.2	34.4	34.8	255	307	317
WORLD TOTAL.....	107,281	107,133	113,925	24.5	26.8	27.4	202,643	286,747	312,550

1/ Years shown refer to year of harvest in the Northern Hemisphere. Harvests of Northern Hemisphere countries are combined with those of the Southern Hemisphere which immediately follow; thus, the crop harvested in the Northern Hemisphere in 1973 is combined with estimates for the Southern Hemisphere harvest which begins late in 1973 and ends early in 1974. 2/ Harvested area as far as possible. 3/ Preliminary.

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SMALLER WORLD ALMOND CROP

Extremely cold spring weather in the world's major almond producing areas has severely reduced the 1973 almond crop. Current estimates place the 1973 crop at 145,600 short tons (kernel weight basis), well below last year's harvest of 164,000 tons. Demand for almonds continues to exceed supply, thus creating upward pressure on world prices. Uncommitted carryin stock (from the 1972 crop) was nearly nonexistent, with sellers holding for the highest possible price. Buyers faced the second consecutive year of tight supplies. Although prices had receded slightly by midyear (1973-74 marketing year), they are still about 57 percent above the same period last year.

Foreign 1973 production is estimated at 71,000 tons, approximately 24 percent below last year. Cold weather and unusually late snowfall were recorded in Iran, Italy, and Spain, severely curtailing the crops' potential. Iranian production is placed at 8,000 short tons, a 20 percent reduction from last year's harvest of 10,000 short tons. In Italy production is estimated at 8,000 tons, the smallest crop recorded since World War II. This is Italy's third consecutive below-average harvest. Spanish production is now set at 41,000 tons, down 26 percent from last year's record harvest of 55,000 tons.

Conversely, both Morocco and Portugal reported favorable weather conditions and increased harvests. Morocco's crop is estimated at 6,000 tons, about 9 percent less than its record crop in 1965, but 20 percent above last year's production of 5,000 tons. Portuguese production is estimated at 8,000 tons versus 6,000 in 1972.

The unofficial estimate places the 1973 L commercial crop at 74,600 tons (kernel wei basis), up 5 percent from last year.

With Spain the only producer with sizable sold stocks, the market has moved to record heights. Spanish unselected Valencias were quoted at \$1.72 per pound (f.o.b. Spanish port) in January 1974, as compared to \$1.00 (f.o.b.) in January 1973. In February, Bari shelled unselected were quoted at \$1.66 per pound (f.o.b. Italian port) opposed to \$1.06 one year ago, while P. G. urected stood at \$1.65 as compared to \$1.17 a year ago.

Exports from the six principal producing countries (Iran, Italy, Morocco, Portugal, Spain, and the United States) during the 1972-73 season placed at 84,900 tons, slightly below the 1971 record level of 89,000. Exports for the 1973-74 season are forecast at 80,000 tons, down 6 percent from the 1972-73 level.

For the 1972-73 season, U.S. exports total 27,400 tons, down 12,000 tons from a year earlier. U.S. exports for 1973-74 are forecast at 30,000 tons, nearly 10 percent above last year. These statistics only include the almonds reported by the Bureau of the Census in the "Almonds Shelled" and "Almonds, Not Shelled" categories. It appears that a large and increasing volume of almonds is being exported as blanched, roasted, salted, or in mixes and is reported along with other nut products in a basket category.

ALMONDS, SHELLDED BASIS: Exports from selected countries,
 1969-73, marketing years 1/
 (In thousands of short tons)

Country	1969	1970	1971	1972 2/	1973 3/
Iran	4.7	6.3	6.0	5.5	6.0
Italy	19.2	19.5	14.5	10.6	3.0
Morocco	2.2	2.2	1.7	3.4	5.0
Portugal	1.9	3.1	5.7	6.0	7.0
Spain	12.6	19.4	21.7	32.0	27.0
Foreign total	40.6	50.5	49.6	57.5	48.0
United States	28.2	28.6	39.4	27.4	30.0
Total	68.8	79.1	89.0	84.9	80.0

1/ Iran--year beginning September 23; Morocco--year beginning July 1; Spain, Portugal, and Italy--year beginning September 1; U.S.--year beginning August 1.

2/ Revised

3/ Forecast

ALMONDS, SHELLDED, UNSELECTED: Monthly average prices f.o.b.
 Bari, Italy, marketing seasons 1968-73
 (In U.S. cents per pound)

Month	1968-69	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72	1972-73	1973-74
August	62.3	86.8	87.6	97.5	107.6	177.0
September	60.9	98.0	77.6	93.8	105.7	181.3
October	61.9	99.2	74.0	93.9	102.6	176.4
November	64.2	97.1	73.4	89.9	101.7	170.1
December	64.8	97.2	70.8	90.9	102.1	172.9
January	65.6	97.0	69.4	96.8	104.1	169.4
February	66.0	91.0	69.1	96.3	105.7	165.9
March	65.8	88.2	72.9	95.4	118.3	
April	68.5	83.6	73.1	97.9	142.4	
May	77.2	82.7	80.8	102.0	167.3	
June	77.6	89.9	79.1	107.9	173.5	
July	79.6	88.7	85.2	107.8	176.0	

ALMONDS, SHELLLED: Commercial production in specified countries,
 Average 1962-66, Annual 1970-73
 (In thousands of short tons)

Region and Country	: Average : 1970	: 1971	: 1972	: 1973
	: 1962-66 :	:	:	:
Foreign:	:			
Iran	: 5.6	11.0	8.0	10.0
Italy	: 35.7	37.0	18.0	17.0
Morocco	: 4.2	3.0	3.0	5.0
Portugal	: 3.2	5.5	7.0	6.0
Spain	: 31.4	35.0	36.0	55.0
Total	: 80.1	91.5	72.0	93.0
United States ^{2/}	: 37.7	70.9	77.0	71.0
World total	: 117.8	162.4	149.0	164.0
				145.

1/ Revised

2/ SOURCE: Almond Control Board.

LARGER DRIED PRUNE CROP

A record U.S. dried prune crop lifted world production to 245,000 short tons, 82 percent above the short 1972 level of 134,900 tons and 12 percent above the 1967-71 average. U.S. prune production totaled 205,500 tons and foreign production 39,500 tons.

A sharply smaller 1973 Yugoslav dried prune pack cut foreign prune production to 39,500 tons, the smallest total since 1965. Current reports indicate weather conditions reduced the total Yugoslav fresh prune crop by about 37 percent. Dried prune production totaled 6,000 tons, only a fraction of the 1972 crop of 29,300 tons. Favorable weather conditions contributed to a record French prune crop of 23,000 tons, 67 percent above 1972 and 31 percent above the 1971 record crop of 17,600 tons. French quality is considered good. Southern Hemisphere production totaled 10,500 tons. U.S. production totaled 205,500 tons, over twice the short 1972 crop and 2 percent above the 1970 record of 201,100 tons.

The United States is the major commercial supplier in the export market. U.S. exports totaled

34,600 tons during 1972-73, 59 percent of known export supplies. Current reports show U.S. 1973-74 season exports of 39,400 tons through January 1974, approximately double the same period a year ago. Forecasts indicate 1973-74 exports will exceed 50,000 tons, the highest level since 1965. Italy, West Germany, France, the United Kingdom, and Canada are the leading U.S. export markets this season. Total 1973-74 exports by foreign producers are forecast at 10,400 tons, less than one-half last year's level of 24,300 tons. Yugoslavia, the major foreign supplier, is down sharply due to a small crop. Yugoslav exports are estimated at 6,000 tons. Nearly all are expected to go to Eastern Europe under existing bilateral trade agreements, compared with 44 percent traded under these agreements last year. French exports are forecast at 1,300 tons and Southern Hemisphere exports at 3,100 tons.

None of the above statistics include Bulgaria and Romania, substantial producers for which information is not readily available.

PRUNES, DRIED: Commercial production in selected countries,
annual 1970-73
(In thousands of short tons)

Country	1970	1971	1972	1973 <u>1/</u>
Argentina	6.8	6.3	3.9	.8
Australia	5.0	4.8	2.9	3.5
Chile	5.2	5.3	5.4	5.2
France	15.4	17.6	13.8	23.0
South Africa, Rep. of	1.9	1.9	2.0	1.0
Yugoslavia	29.0	18.4	29.3	6.0
Foreign total	63.3	54.3	57.3	39.5
United States	201.1	132.6	77.6	205.5
Grand total	264.4	186.9	134.9	245.0

1/ Revised

PRUNES, DRIED: Exports from principal producing countries,
marketing years 1/ 1970-73
(In thousands of short tons)

Country	1970	1971	1972 <u>2/</u>	1973 <u>3/</u>
Argentina	4.7	3.2	2.9	.7
Australia	1.4	1.6	1.5	.6
Chile	2.4	2.5	2.3	1.8
France6	1.3	1.1	1.3
Yugoslavia	25.7	14.7	16.5	6.0
Foreign total	34.8	23.3	24.3	10.4
United States	37.2	45.3	34.6	--
Grand total	72.0	68.6	58.9	--

1/ Year beginning January 1 in Argentina, Australia and Chile; October 1 in France; September 1 in the United States and October 1 in Yugoslavia.

2/ Revised

3/ Forecast

RECORD WORLD WALNUT HARVEST

With a record crop in the U.S. and the best crop in France for 10 years, and with other producers having at least average crops, 1973 world commercial production of walnuts is placed at a record 251,200 short tons (inshell basis), 29 percent above last year's harvest of 194,300 tons. Since production and trade data are unavailable for the People's Republic of China this report does not attempt to include them.

Foreign walnut production is estimated at 82,300 tons, up 6 percent from a year earlier. Both France and Italy reported that excellent weather conditions contributed to larger 1973 crops. French production is placed at 32,000 tons, up 7 percent from 1972, and their largest since 1966. The Italian harvest is estimated at 23,000 tons, approximately 35 percent above the 1972 level. Both countries reported quality as excellent. French sizes were larger than normal, while a scarcity of large sized nuts was reported in Italy.

Conversely, in India and Turkey less favorable weather reduced production. Indian production is estimated at 13,000 tons, some 13 percent below 1972. Excessive rains and flooding in India's major walnut producing areas (Jammu and Kishmir) had a moderate effect on production. Turkish production totaled 11,000 tons.

U.S. 1973 production is officially estimated at 168,900 tons, versus 116,800 tons in 1972. The crop was reported in good condition with very little sunburn, blight, or insect damage. The nuts were generally larger than average.

Exports by foreign producers for 1972-73 are placed at 31,300 tons, (inshell basis), slightly above the 1971-72 level of 30,600. Exports for the 1973-74 season are forecast at 36,000 tons, 15 percent above 1972-73. Exports from the United States for 1972-73 amounted to 16,700 tons, down from the 18,800 level of 1971-72. However, the 1973-74 forecast placed U.S. exports at a record 23,000 tons, about 38 percent above 1972-73. The United States for the third year in a row is the largest exporter followed by France, Turkey, India, and Italy. West Germany was the largest export market for the United States and France. With the exception of Chinese prices, foreign walnut prices (landed, duty paid London) have taken a downward trend as compared to a year ago. For example, French Bordeaux extra halves were quoted at \$1.67 a pound in February 1974, down 36 percent from a year ago. The February quotation for Turkish light halves was \$1.29, compared to \$1.59 last year. Chinese light halves were quoted at \$1.11 in February, compared to \$1.07 a year ago.

WALNUTS, INSHELL: Production in specified countries
annual 1969-73
(In thousands of short tons)

Country	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973 1/
FOREIGN:					
France	25.0	30.0	18.0	30.0	32.0
India	11.0	15.5	12.0	15.0	13.0
Iran	5.5	4.5	4.0	3.5	3.3
Italy	20.0	22.0	23.0	17.0	23.0
Turkey	10.0	11.0	9.0	12.0	11.0
Total Foreign	71.5	83.0	66.0	77.5	82.3
United States	105.5	111.8	136.4	116.8	168.9
Total world	177.0	194.8	202.4	194.3	251.2

1/ Revised

WALNUTS, INSHELL BASIS: Export from selected countries,
1969-73 marketing years 1/ 2/
(In thousands of short tons)

Country	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72	1972-73	1973-74 3/
FOREIGN:					
France	12.0	14.5	9.2	11.0	12.0
India	4.9	6.0	5.6	7.7	7.0
Iran	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.6	1.0
Italy	7.7	8.1	10.4	3.5	7.0
Turkey	6.0	5.1	4.7	8.5	9.0
Total Foreign	31.3	34.2	30.6	31.3	36.0
United States	7.1	10.4	18.8	16.7	23.0
Grand total	38.4	44.6	49.4	48.0	59.0

1/ Marketing year beginning October 1 in France, Italy, Turkey, and the United States, and September 23 in Iran.

2/ Totals may not equal sum of parts due to rounding

3/ Forecast

WALNUTS SHELLED: Prices, landed, duty paid London,
 February average, 1971 to date
 (In U.S. cents per pound)

Item	1971	1972	1973	1974
France:	:			
Bordeaux extra	: 119.7	230.0	264.1	167.1
Turkey:	:			
Light halves	: 82.4	146.6	158.6	128.7 <u>1/</u>
China:	:			
Light halves	: ***	90.0	107.4 <u>1/</u>	111.2 <u>2/</u>

1/ Spot

2/ c.i.f.

SECOND LARGEST WORLD FILBERT HARVEST

In the three principal foreign producing countries (Italy, Spain, and Turkey), 1973 filbert production is estimated at 379,000 short tons, (inshell basis), second only to the 1970 record crop of 398,000 tons but well above the 1972 harvest of 314,000 tons. U.S. production is placed at 12,000 tons, 20 percent above the 1972 level. Despite a large carryover (into 1973-74), prices remain firm in reaction to the relative shortages of other edible tree nuts (particularly almonds and cashews). Estimates place 1972-73 exports at 277,000 tons, about 13 percent above 1971-72 level. Filbert exports are forecast at 293,000 tons for 1973-74, up 6 percent from the previous year.

Unlike Italy's 1973 almond crop, which was severely damaged by adverse weather, the 1973 filbert crop suffered little weather damage. Current estimates place the 1973 Italian crop at 97,000 tons, up 17 percent from the 1972 crop. Spanish production is placed at 18,000 tons, down 14 percent from the 1972 crop of 21,000 tons, while Turkish production is set at 264,000 tons, up 26 percent from the year before. This year's crop represents Turkey's second largest, trailing only the record 1970 harvest of 265,000 tons. U.S. production climbed to 12,000 tons, up 20 percent from the 1972 level of 10,200 tons.

Overseas deliveries in 1972-73 by the three major exporters amounted to 277,000 tons, compared to 245,700 tons in the year before. Exports for 1973-74 are forecast at 293,000 tons, up 6 percent from the previous marketing year. Assuming this forecast holds, it would represent the fourth consecutive record level of exports. Italian shipments are forecast at 64,000 tons, compared to 56,000 tons in 1972-73 and 69,100 tons in 1971-72. Turkish exports are projected at 22,000 tons, up 8 percent from the 1972-73 year, while 1973-74 Spanish shipments are forecast at 9,000 tons, down 47 percent from the previous 2 marketing years. The United States exports very few filberts.

U.S. imports of shelled filberts in 1973 totaled 10,166 tons, nearly double the 5,560 tons bought in 1972. Nearly all came from Turkey in both years.

Prices have risen slightly in recent months, reacting to the relative shortages of other edible nuts. In mid-March 1974, Italian inshell Avellinos were selling for 35 cents per pound (f.o.b. Italian port), compared to 28 cents a year ago. Shelled Avellinos, currently quoted at 89 cents per pound (f.o.b.) sold for 67 cents last year.

FILBERTS: Exports from selected countries,
 1969-73 marketing years 1/
 (In thousands of short tons)

Type and Country	1969	1970	1971	1972 <u>2/</u>	1973 <u>3/</u>
In-Shell:	:				
Italy	: 12.5	15.6	18.3	20.2	<u>4/</u>
Spain	: 5/ 9.0	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>
Turkey	: 1.3	4.1	2.6	3.4	<u>4/</u>
Total	: <u>22.7</u>	---	---	---	---
Shelled:	:				
Italy	: 6.4	20.4	23.1	16.2	<u>4/</u>
Spain	: 5/ .3	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>
Turkey	: 89.6	74.2	78.8	100.5	<u>4/</u>
Total	: <u>88.0</u>	---	---	---	---
In-Shell Equivalent:	:				
Italy	: 26.6	60.6	69.1	56.0	64.0
Spain	: 9.7	14.4	16.5	17.0	9.0
Turkey	: 180.6	152.5	160.1	204.0	220.0
Total	: <u>216.9</u>	227.5	245.7	277.0	293.0

1/ Marketing year begins September 1

2/ Revised

3/ Forecast

4/ Separation into shelled and in-shell not available

5/ Based on Bureau of Census data

FILBERTS, IN-SHELL: Production in specified countries,
 annual 1969-73
 (In thousands of short tons)

Region and Country	1969	1970	1971	1972 <u>1/</u>	1973 <u>2/</u>
Foreign:	:				
Italy	: 50.0	95.0	105.0	83.0	97.0
Spain	: 9.0	29.0	22.0	21.0	18.0
Turkey	: 187.0	265.0	165.0	210.0	264.0
Total	: <u>246.0</u>	389.0	292.0	314.0	379.0
United States	: 7.4	9.3	11.4	10.2	12.0
Total world	: 253.4	398.3	303.4	318.2	391.0

1/ Revised

2/ Preliminary

FILBERTS, SHELLED KERASSUNDES: Prices, f.o.b. Turkish port
 first week each month 1969-73 marketing years 1/
 (In U.S. cents per pound)

First week of	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72	2/ 1972-73	1973-74
September	61.0	59.9	58.2	54.4	61.2
October	61.5	63.7	63.1	---	61.2
November	68.9	64.8	56.1	57.2	61.2
December	68.3	62.3	56.1	57.2	60.3
January	72.1	57.2	58.5	58.1	---
February	70.8	57.2	59.0	58.1	---
March	69.1	56.6	58.5	57.2	---
April	67.5	56.1	57.1	59.0	---
May	66.4	57.2	59.0	57.6	---
June	67.0	60.4	---	58.5	---
July	61.0	---	54.4	59.4	---
August	61.5	58.2	54.4	56.3	---

1/ Starting in January 1972 prices are monthly averages, f.o.b., Turkish port.

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